

## HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

I HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER from a young man in Pakistan, who is most anxious to obtain a job in this country as a greenkeeper. His name and address is Chowdhry Abdur Hazzaq, House No. 484, Sector No. G6/1-2, Islamabad, West Pakistan.

He is a Science graduate from the University of the Punjab, and for the last three years has been working as Horticultural Assistant in the Capital Development Authority in Islamabad.

He is 28 years of age, and holds an international passport.

If any member should know of an opportunity for this young man, who has been highly recommended by Mr J. F. Pennick (Golf Architect), I should be glad if they would arrange for any inquiry to be made direct to Pakistan.

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boundaries: stakes, fence posts and so forth. Sometimes, on a single hole, part of a boundary is marked by a fence and part by stakes. It is advisable to treat them uniformly. Since the nearest inside points of stakes and fence posts at ground level determine the line of bounds (Definition 21), the stakes and posts themselves are out of bounds. Rule 31 applies only to obstructions *on the course*.

Further, if out-of-bounds stakes were classified as obstructions, a player might remove some to play a stroke, and the player might neglect to have them replaced. Thus, the competitors in a tournament might not play a uniform course.

Classifying out-of-bounds stakes as non-obstructions discourages tampering with them, simplifies the definition with regard to boundary markers and helps ensure uniform playing conditions.

(However, stakes defining water hazards are obstructions under the Rules.)

Incidentally, some clubs set out-of-bounds stakes permanently in concrete, or use concrete markers. This prevents a fluctuating boundary and in the long run should reduce upkeep costs.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Mr Editor,

I was very interested in the letter in the February Journal from Paddy Coleman. I had the pleasure of meeting him at one of our tournaments two years ago. From the correspondence I had with him previously I got the view that he was keen to become a greenkeeper, so I took him several back-dated Research Journals, for which he was very grateful, and I am sure he would make good use of the information they contained. None of the other members of the staff on the course were members of our Association, and the impression he gave me from the questions he asked, he did not receive any information, or help from them. I congratulated him on his perseverance and determination to succeed. As he said the Midland Section does not have many lectures. When I became secretary I was keen to have lectures, and fixed quite a number but the response was very poor, and the attendances got worse. The climax came when one lecturer returned to his hotel without giving the lecture. You can imagine the letter I received from that gentleman. At our last committee meeting our new secretary, Bob Goodwin, was very keen to fix up some lectures for next winter, so it is up to the section members to let him know that they will give him their support and will attend. On lots of occasions when I was secretary I had letters from clubs to say they were keen on their staff belonging to our Association and I have replied telling them what benefits their staffs would receive—our monthly journal, the quarterly S.T.R.I. bulletins, the yearly S.T.R.I. journal and a chance to meet and talk over their problems with other greenkeepers at our tournaments and other events. I am sorry to say that on most occasions I did not hear any more about it, although I enclosed nomination forms for them to give to their staff. I must say I think golf clubs get the staff they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

F. CASHMORE.